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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Levada Johns of Chicago, who passed away on February 12, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Levada Johns was born in Parkin, Arkansas on April 1, 1935 to Jewel Wynne and Newt Whitaker; she attended Central High School in Parkin; she married Earl Johns and they settled in Chicago in 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Levada Johns was employed as a factory worker; she worked other jobs at various times, including bartending; and

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WHEREAS, Levada Johns was affectionately know as "Vada" and "Gru-ma", and when she was young, as "Pocket"; and

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WHEREAS, Levada Johns was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Janie Mae, Theopolis, Thomas, Etherean, and Clarence; and her children, Glenda, Betty, and Terry; and

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WHEREAS, Levada Johns is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Johns; her 6 sisters, Edna Scott (Farmer), Helen Freeman, Charlene Wells (Horace), Dorothy Hicks (Jasper), Bettye Bailey, and Eula Nicholas; her 3 brothers, Willie Bailey, Roy Bailey (Thelma), and Courtney Bailey (Sherry); her 14

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1 grandchildren; her 18 great-grandchildren; and a host of
2 nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Levada Johns, and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
6 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Levada Johns as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.